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TROUBLE.

COMES.

NOW, MATCHHEAD.

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BOO.
N-NO. THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
PART 1
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A HARD DAY'S NIGHT
WELCOME ABOARD PENCILER EXTRAORDINAIRE: IAN CHURCHILL!
A Stan Lee PRESENTATION
A BIG MISTAKE.
BECAUSE OF YOU, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT BEN NAKED.
MISTER, YOU HAVE THREE SECONDS TO EXPLAIN —
— JUST HOW YOU GOT INSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE Fantastic Four!

SUZIE, I GOT A BETTER IDEA CALLED:

IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

IF YOU'LL JUST *LET* ME SPEAK TO REED --!

BEN, CALM DOWN!

EASY FER *YOU* TA SAY, STRETCH.

YOU WEREN'T IN THE *TUB* WHEN THIS PIPSQUEAK BUSTED IN --

REED!

BRUCE?

BRUCE... YOU'RE *ALIVE?!*

UNFORTUNATELY...

HEY! I KNOW THIS GUY, DON'T I?

SINCE *COLLEGE*, BEN. YOU REMEMBER *Dr. BRUCE BANNER.*

WHAT I'VE DONE...

...GOD FORGIVE ME.

'SIDE FROM THERE NOT BEIN' ANY *HOT WATER* LEFT NOW --

-- HOW BAD CAN IT BE?

DOES THIS GUY GIVE YA THE CREEPS, SUE, OR WHAT?
BEN...
I NEED TO USE YOUR SATELLITE UPLINK.
MAY I, REED?
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THE CALIBR --
— ATIONS...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT.
I... FIND MYSELF WITH MEMORY LAPSES AFTER TRANSFORMATION.
INCREDIBLE. HE'S AS BRILLIANT TODAY AS HE EVER WAS...
AVENGERS ISLAND. WHAT'S HAPPENED?!
I DESIGNED THE GAMMA CORE THAT POWERS THE INSTALLATION WHILE WORKING FOR TONY STARK.
THE CONTAINMENT FIELDS ARE NOW RAPIDLY DEPLETING --
BRUCE, A FULL CORE MELTDOWN OF THAT MAGNITUDE --
-- WOULD IRRADIATE MOST OF THE UNITED STATES!
O-KAY. THIS IS BAD.
HELP ME. PLEASE.
WITHOUT YOUR HELP, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHUT IT DOWN!

COLONEL. THIS IS A *PUBLIC RELATIONS* NIGHTMARE. WE NEED TO *SPIN* THIS --

-- SELLARS. THAT'S NO LONGER YER PROBLEM.

IT ISN'T?

NOPE. 'CUZ YER *FIRED*.

DON'T LET THE SCREEN DOOR HIT YA ON THE WAY OUT. AND *GYRICH*, YOU'LL GET YERS *LATER*.

ONE MILE ABOVE THE EARTH, ABOARD THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELI-CARRIER.

THE MAN IN CHARGE IS COLONEL NICK FURY.

IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY GAME THERE'S NOBODY BETTER.

"THE AVENGERS *AND* AVENGERS ISLAND ARE *S.H.I.E.L.D.* OPERATIONS.

"*LIVES* ARE AT STAKE.

"ANYTHING *ELSE* IS *SHORT-CAKE*."

COLONEL FURY, MOTION DETECTORS ARE PICKING UP SOMETHING IN THE SOUTH QUADRANT.

HOSTILE?

Um.

HARD TO SAY, SIR.

BUT, I... THINK WE'VE FOUND HELLCAT.

RRRRRR?

COLONEL! WE'VE LOCATED CAPTAIN AMERICA!

AND...?

COME ON, YA GOLDBRICK! DID THE PATRIOT MAKE IT OR NOT?!

NNGNN

WHAT'S OUR SITUATION, SOLDIER?

WHAT...

GRAVE, SIR. *THE HULK* TORE THROUGH HERE PRETTY BAD.*

WE'VE GOT *HAWKEYE* AND *SWORDSMAN* ON EVAC TO THE HELICARRIER. THEY'RE BOTH IN *CRITICAL* CONDITION...

LAST ISH -- Eric!

"AND COLONEL FURY HAS *GAMMA OPS* GOING INTO THE CORE AS WE SPEAK."

GAMMA READING 92.4

GAMMA READING 95.9

GAMMA READING 99.9

DAMN...

GYRICH.

GET YER SORRY SELF DOWN TA *TRANSPORT.*

WE NEED *HARDWARE* THE LIKES OF WHICH --

GYRICH..?

SELLARS!

WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOIN' ON AROUND HERE?!

THEY CANNOT HEAR THEE.

OR *SEE* ME.

Uh-huh.

AND WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TA BE?

ONE OF THE *IRK'SOME* THINGS ABOUT THIS *ALTERNATE UNIVERSE*...

...MORTALS QUESTION ITS *VERY REALITY.*

ODD. SINCE *THOU* ART *BOTH* A *DECEIVER* AND *MANIPULATOR.*

LIKE MYSELF.

AND HOW YOU PLAY THY HAND --

ME?

THOU ART IN THE PRESENCE OF --

LOKI, THE GOD OF MISCHIEF!

Oh, YEAH?

HOW'S 'BOUT I TELL YA UP FRONT --

-- I DON'T BELIEVE IN *GODS.*

-- WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF MY CURSED HALF-BROTHER *THOR* AND THESE SO-CALLED *AVENGERS*...

AVENGERS ISLAND.

WHOOSH

WE'RE IN.

REED! SN'T THAT THOR?

APPARENTLY

YOUCH. HE'S SEEN A BETTER DAY.

THIS... IS *ALL* MY FAULT

DON'T HEAR NO HEARTBEAT.

TAP

C'MON, GOLDILOCKS, TIME TO WAKE UP.

YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.

MAYBE I CAN GET BLONDIE HERE TO SNAP OUTTA IT...

THE HELI-CARRIER.

COLONEL FURY THIS IS THE GAMMA OP SHUTTLE

WE HAVE LIFT AND --

STOP

S-SIR -- WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

NOW, WHAT?!

THERE IS A MAN IN OUR FLIGHT PATH

NOT JUST A MAN

KRUEGER

WONDERFUL

CALL YOUR MEN BACK, FURY.
JON, STARK IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND HAS TAKEN APPROPRIATE MEASURES.
THE ORIGINAL SCHEMATICS FOR AVENGERS ISLAND WERE COMMISSIONED AND BUILT BY STARK ENTERPRISES.
YEAH WELL, YA CAN TELL YER BOSS THAT UNCLE SAM APPRECIATES HIS HELP --
-- AND DOESN'T WANT ANY.
MISTER STARK TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY. HE WAS VERY ADAMANT THAT BOTH YOU AND S.H.I.E.L.D. ARE TO STAY CLEAR.
AND HOW ARE YOU GONNA STOP US?!
OFF!

DID I MENTION THAT MISTER STARK ALSO DESIGNED AND BUILT YOUR GAMMA CRUTTLE?
BOTH IT AND YOUR MEN WILL BE QUITE SAFE IN THE HUDSON RIVER.
YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO KNOW THE CODE FOR SHUTTING DOWN THE WHOLE HELICARRIER, DO YOU?
HE IS QUITE GOOD AT TH S.
FOR A MORTAL
THE HELICARRIER.
YOU WOULDN'T DARE
HEY ME
YA GOT ONE HOUR
I DON'T KNOW WHERE STARK FOUND A GUY WITH YER GUTS, SHELLHEAD
YER MADE OF STERNER STUFF THAN HE'LL EVER KNOW

BE SURE TO
THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM.
LIFE IS SO STRANGE
SINCE BECOMING "IRON MAN", I'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT [redacted]ING TONY STARK THAN I EVER DID AS [redacted]
[redacted]
ONCOMING ACCELERATING PROJECTILE ORGANIC IN NATURE
ORGANIC
IMPACT IN 0.039 SECONDS

GOTCHA

WHAT A
REVOLTIN'
DEVELOPMENT
THIS
IS!

PUT ME DOWN, YA FLY N' SARDINE CAN!
THAT'S THE LAST TIME I TRY MOUTH-TA-MOUTH RESUSCITATION WITH A GUY THAT CALLS HIMSELF A THUNDER GOD
THOR DID HIS
YOU WERE ON AVENGERS ISLAND?!
WHAT WOULD MY ADORIN' FANS SAY ?
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE IRON MAN
C'MON BEN, REED AND THAT BRUCE BANNER GUY ARE NEAR THE CORE NOW!
BRUCE IS ALIVE?!

YOU!
I TAKE IT WE'RE ALL HERE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.
WE BROUGHT SOMEONE WHO CAN POSSIBLY DISENGAGE THE GAMMA CORE.
THEN, LET'S SNAP TO IT.
OR WE DIE TRYING!

SNIFF GRRRRR

WAIT!

YOU

CAUSED

ALL

THIS!

STAND DOWN, HELLCAT.

WHATEVER YOU SUSPECT, *NOW* IS NOT THE TIME.

GRRR

HAVE... TO STAY... CALM...

WHATEVER... THE COST...

I CAN'T LET... *IT*... OUT...

BUT... WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

HERE! Mr. STARK -- TONY -- AND I *ALWAYS AGREED* THAT THERE HAD TO BE AN *ALTERNATE ACCESS* --

YES. A *"BACK DOOR"* SO TO SPEAK, IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

ANY CONTAINMENT VESSEL OF THIS SIZE WOULD NEED A VARIANT RESTORATION PROCESS.

BLOCKED. BRUCE, DO YOU HAVE THE *SECURITY PASSWORD?*

nrggrn

"CAMELOT."

ENTERED. WHAT'S THE *NEXT* STEP?

BRUCE..?

BRUCE.

WHY YOU CALL HULK "BRUCE"?
HULK HATES BRUCE!
TO BE CONTINUED IN:
IRON MAN #6
AND IN 30 DAYS:
AVENGERS #7
HELP!